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prey, which, however, could not have been much larger than a field mouse. The incident was of especial interest because three or four chickens were scratching in the grass within a few rods of where the Hawk struck for the mouse. The field was far enough from the house that it is not probable the Hawk left the chickens undisturbed out of fear, and the story lends strength to the argument that the Red-tailed Hawk, as a rule, attacks chickens only when other prey is not to be found.

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## THE SUMMER TANAGER AT HILLSBORO, OHIO.

A pair of Summer Tanagers was first observed on May 4, 1913, flitting through the dazzling noonday sunlight and alighting on a nearby wire fence. The favorite places of these birds are the borders of the forest, where they may be seen flying about among the trees or perching on the telephone poles. The latter part of June the frequent visits of a pair to a particular spot revealed their secret. The nest was in a catalpa tree about twenty feet from the ground and two feet from the end of a limb, carefully concealed. The young left the nest July 1st.

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## FIELD NOTES FROM CAMBRIDGE, OHIO.

The list is unusual, only because the birds have all been found within a radius of less than a mile. Others seen, but not within this radius, are omitted. The selected area contains a little of almost every attraction for bird life: woodland, meadow, hedge, orchard, evergreen, thicket, stream and pond. Being unable to hunt the birds every day during the migratory season, I have not seen the entire list in one year. But, with the few exceptions, which I have marked rare, no doubt they might all be recorded the same year.

The Bobolinks, Stilt Sandpiper and Bonaparte Gull made their first appearance within this radius this last May. The Bachman Sparrow is very rare. Another bird student and I together saw the bird and heard the clear sweet song.

The Mockingbird, Evening Grosbeak, Pileated Woodpecker and Black-crowned Night Heron are accidentals; no other record being had from this locality, that I know of.

A decrease in the number of Hairy Woodpeckers has been noticeable for two or three years; while this season a decided increase in Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, Cedar Waxwings, and Shrikes is marked, and never have we had such flocks of Juncos and Tree Sparrows as assembled together during March and the first two weeks of April; the sweet tinkling voices filled the air with melody, and the telltale white feathers looked like hundreds of tiny pennants.

Only once before have I heard the song of the Fox Sparrow. This April a number of Songsters remained in the thicket for over a week. I cannot tell of that music, the sunset glory through the budding trees must go with it.

Song Sparrow Lark Sparrow--Rare Vesper Sparrow Field Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Fox Sparrow Tree Sparrow Bachman Sparrow (one year only, but seen distinctly and heard singing) White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Goldfinch Purple Finch-Rare Rose-breasted Grosbeak Evening Grosbeak (Feb. to May, 1911) Towhee Cardinal Dickcissel-Rare Indigo Bunting Junco Snowflake-Rare **Bronzed Grackle** Rusty Blackbird Red-winged Blackbird Cowbird Meadowlark Orchard Oriole Baltimore Oriole Scarlet Tanager Summer Tanager Crow Blue Jay Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Prairie Horned Lark Chickadee Tufted Titmouse White-breasted Nuthatch Red-breasted Nuthatch

Hermit Thrush

Wilson Thrush Wood Thrush Olive-backed Thrush Grav-cheeked Thrush Robin Bluebird Brown Creeper Catbird Brown Thrasher Bewick Wren Carolina Wren Winter Wren-Rare House Wren Southern Mockingbird (Sept. and Oct. 1912 only) Barn Swallow Tree Swallow Rough-winged Swallow-Rare Bank Swallow-Rare Purple Martin Red-headed Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Flicker Northern Pileated Woodpecker (once only) King-bird Phœbe Wood Pewee Crested Flycatcher Traill Flycatcher Least Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Acadian Flycatcher Ruby-throated Humming-bird Nighthawk Whippoorwill White-eyed Vireo Red-eyed Vireo Yellow-throated Vireo Blue-headed Vireo-Rare Warbling Vireo

Migrant Shrike Chimney Swift Blue-winged Warbler Magnolia Warbler Myrtle Warbler Yellow Warbler Black and White Warbler Wilson Warbler Mourning Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler Black-throated Blue Warbler Hooded Warbler Kentucky Warbler-Rare Palm Warbler Blackburnian Warbler Bay-breasted Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler Cerulean Warbler-Rare Northern Parula Warbler—Rare Nashville Warbler Redstart Yellow-breasted Chat Water-Thrush Louisiana Water-Thrush Oven-bird Northern Yellow-throat Black-poll Warbler Canada Warbler Bohemian Waxwing—Rare Cedar Waxwing Yellow-billed Cuckoo Black-billed Cuckoo Kingfisher

Mourning Dove Turkey Vulture Cooper Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Pigeon Hawk Sparrow Hawk Screech Owl Saw-whet Owl Killdeer Semipalmated Plover Wilson Snipe Pectoral Sandpiper Spotted Sandpiper Yellow-legs Greater Yellow-legs Solitary Sandpiper American Woodcock Blue-winged Teal Duck Lesser Scaup Duck Buffle-head Duck Ruddy Duck Baldpate Duck Pied-billed Grebe American Bittern Sora Rail Virginia Rail Black-crowned Night Heron Great Blue Heron Bob-white Bonaparte Gull (May, 1914) Bobolink (May, 1914) Stilt Sandpiper (May, 1914) MRS. ROBERT T. SCOTT.

## THE NEST-BOX TRAP FOR SPARROWS

I would like to call the attention of bird-lovers to the efficiency of the nest-box trap for English sparrows. This trap is fully illustrated and described in U. S. Bulletin "The English Sparrow as a Pest," but I have never found reference to its use in current bird literature.

Poisoned grain is liable to kill native birds. Wire traps must be baited with tempting food, and after two or three settings in the same place, sparrows will not enter at all. Shooting is effective to only a limited extent, and dangerous as well as unlawful in towns.

In contrast to these methods, the nest-box trap needs no bait whatever; every bird that enters disappears and will quickly die of suffocation if not removed and killed; it has the attraction of mystery, for none of those that enter are able to warn their companions of the danger; and it is in working order all the time, whether any one is at home or not.